

REFORMERS DEFEATED

Failure in Sunday-Liquor Selling Cases in Norfolk.

EVIDENCE TOO MEAGRE

La Belle Asia Refuses to Testify Against Her Stage Partner, and He Escapes the Penitentiary, but is Sent to Jail.

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La Belle Asia, a stout woman who uses that name on the stage as a dancer at the Atlantic Garden, would not testify against William Rosenberg in the Corporation Court this morning. She had been fearfully beaten in her rooms and her head had been cut open by a razor. She had been in the hands of a physician, but she had been so badly beaten that she could not testify. When the physician came to her, she had been so badly beaten that she could not testify. When the physician came to her, she had been so badly beaten that she could not testify.

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SIXTY Chinamen passed through Portsmouth yesterday in charge of United States Marshal Bennett and eight deputies. The Chinamen were ordered back to their homes under the terms of the Chinese exclusion act, as they were smuggled into this country. They came from Providence, R. I. They will go to New Orleans, whence the Southern Pacific will take them to San Francisco. The men were transported from San Francisco by the first steamer. The Chinamen laid over at Pinner's Point yesterday awaiting the departure of the Southern train last night. They seemed to be in good spirits, and showed much respect for the presence of a large number of negroes who assembled about the coaches in which they were.

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Master Dolbe, of the Virginia team, has secured, at considerable expense, a professional umpire, Mr. Collier, to officiate in the Cornell, Lehigh, Yale and Princeton games. Mr. Col